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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are amended.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Cage arrangement for poultry having cage batteries (1) arranged above a manure pit, each battery displaying two cages (10, 11) facing each other, which wherein the cages are arranged one atop another in tiers (12, 14, 15, 16), said cage arrangement comprising comprises:
  - a) a manure scraper (8) is arranged in each tier (12—16) underneath each cage (10, 11);
  - b) an open space (18) is present between the two cages (10, 11) facing each other; and
  - c) under the open space (18), a passage (4) is present in the cover plate (2) of the manure pit (17) for the manure conveyed into the open space (18) by the manure scrapers (8);
  - d) and wherein the manure scrapers (8) are driven in a back-and-forth manner and are arranged on a traction cable that circulates around idler pulleys, and wherein a drive pulley drives the traction cable back and forth.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein provided below each cage (10, 11) is a manure plate (7), upon which the associated manure scraper (8) glides.
4. (Currently Amended) Cage arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cages (10, 11) of the uppermost tier (12) are connected to each other so as to bridge the open space.